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## ONR GRANT #N00014-95-1-1061

# Dr. Robert Holman Nearshore Oceanographic Instrumentation

This instrumentation grant supported the purchase of equipment for use in studies of nearshore oceanographic processes. Equipment purchased included five Fiber Optic Backscatter Sensor arrays, five Vertical Electromagnetic Current Meter arrays, and five pressure sensors.

The instrumentation was purchased in order to investigate suspended sediment concentration, bed level fluctuations, horizontal fluid velocities and sea surface fluctuations in the nearshore region. After arrival of this instrumentation in Spring, 1996, the instrumentation was calibrated using facilities located at Oregon State University.

In conjunction with existing sensor inventories, this new equipment is presently being used in SandyDuck, a large multi-investigator nearshore experiment being conducted at Duck, NC from September 10 to November 1, 1997. Several PI's are involved in this ONR-sponsored field work. They are: Dr. Robert Holman (Oregon State University), Dr. Richard Sternberg and Dr. Andrea Ogston (University of Washington), Dr. Daniel Conley (State University of NY, Stoneybrook), and Dr. Reginald Beach (Office of Naval Research, ROPO through Oregon State University).

Several aspects of nearshore fluid and sediment dynamics are being investigated using this equipment: (1) the vertical and horizontal structure of spectral partitioning of cross-shore and longshore transport; (2) the elevation and frequency bands of importance for various scales of morphology modification; (3) evaluation of the role of breaking waves on the vertical distribution of suspended sediment; (4) the cross-shore distribution of total suspended load and its relation to the beach profile; (5) examination of longshore coherence scales and the influence of large scale flows on nearshore morphology change and; (6) the correlation of sediment flux divergence to changes in beach bathymetry.

### LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Since the field experiment has just ended in the last week, there are yet to be publications from this grant.